Command Line

The command line provides another way of using Natural System Commands. The following topics are covered below:

- Using the Command Line
- Display or Hide the Command Line
- Associate an Object with the Command Line

Using the Command Line

When Natural Studio is started for the first time, the command line is switched off, since in most cases a command can be issued using the menu bar, a context menu or a toolbar command, thus making the command line obsolete.

But one can still imagine some scenarios where applying commands with the command line is quite useful. This is especially the case for commands which are not dependent on the context. An example of a context-sensitive command could be the 'Stow' command which always acts on the current selection in the library workspace or an active List View.

It is used to set global settings such as "GLOBALS SYMGEN = ON" (generation of symbolic information for any object to be cataloged).
Also, for users who are already quite familiar with the Natural commands, it might be faster to issue commands using the command line rather than selecting the command with a context menu or with a toolbar button.

As with the menu bar, the library workspace and the toolbars, the command line can be docked to any other position or can be made floatable. For faster command execution, the command line uses a command history mechanism in conjunction with reselecting commands already entered. On the right side, the currently active library (the library where the user is currently logged in) is displayed.

Display or Hide the Command Line

To switch the command line on or off

- Press Alt - 3
  Or open Menu **View - Command Line** in the Menu bar.
  Or apply a context menu on any toolbar in the Multiple Document Interface Area.

Associate an Object with the Command Line

In some cases, it is not obvious on which selected object the command in the command line was applied since it is possible that some nodes are selected both in the Library Workspace and the List View . For such a scenario, the rule applies that the command is always connected to the node which last had the focus.